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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR. — The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 11½.

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WHERE THE MONEY GOES.

Sanction for Over \$37,000.

\$33,000 FOR A LAUNCH.

At a meeting to-morrow afternoon the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council will consider the following Supplementary Votes (1931 Estimates): —

Public Works Extraordinary: Baker Road. Improvements from Stubbs Road to Victoria Hospital. Payment of Retention Money, \$2,050.

Owing to the extremely dilatory way in which the work has been carried out and also to the contractor disputing his final bill, it was impossible to complete the payments in 1930 and a sum of \$2,050 is required for the payment of retention money, for which a revote is requested.

The estimated cost of the work was \$39,000. Contract amount, \$38,934.

Saving on contract, \$9,351.40.

The contractor was fined a sum of \$2,850 for failing to complete the work within Contract time.

Girl Guides.

Miscellaneous Services:—Grant in aid of Institution of Girl Guides' Association.

Provision made in Estimates, \$700.

A capitulation grant of \$2 per head is made annually to the Girl Guides and a sum of \$700 is provided for this purpose in the Estimates for the current year.

The strength of the Guides has increased to 372 and to pay the full grant on this figure a further vote of \$44 is required.

The above is to be met from savings under Grant in aid of Institution of Boy Scouts' Association.

Davis Street Latrine.

Public Works Extraordinary: Latrine and Urinal at Davis Street. To complete the work, \$2,500.

Provision made in Estimates, \$3,000.

Amount provided in 1930 \$10,000.00

Expenditure in 1930 was 3,785.54

leaving an unexpended balance of \$ 6,123.46

The estimated expenditure for 1931 is \$ 5,137.00

less amount provided in 1931 3,000.00

showing a deficit of \$2,137.00

Progress was delayed during 1930 due to it being necessary to divert the sewer from under the site of the convenience before construction could be commenced.

It is requested that a revote of \$2,500 be granted in aid of this work. The above is to be met from savings under Head 81 Sub-head 5 Latrine at U Hing Lane.

Revenue Launch.

Imports and Exports Office:—Special Expenditure Purchase of Launch, \$38,000.

Provision made in Estimates, \$20,000.

For this motor-launch a sum of \$55,000 was provided in Estimates for 1930, and a sum of \$20,000 (to complete) re-voiced in Estimates for 1931. Owing to modifications of the plan the contract was not actually signed until this year and it is necessary to re-voce a sum sufficient to bring the 1931 vote up to the total required.

The necessity of proceeding with this work has been agreed to by the Retrenchment Commission and informally by Unofficial Members of Legislative Council.

An experiment designed to domesticate the Rocky Mountain goat and then cross-breed it with the ordinary domestic goat is being tried out in the Dominion Government Experimental Station that covers the Invermere region, at the suggestion of J. B. Hardin, Commissioner for Dominion National Parks. For this purpose a four-year-old ram and three ewes are in the hands of the staff of the experimental station.

INFLUX OF GOLD

NOT WELCOMED BY FRANCE.

CAUSE REVIEWED

LOANS TO CREDITOR COUNTRIES.

Rugby, Yesterday. An official statement on the recent discussions between the British and French Treasury experts says that the object has been a frank and cordial exchange of views on the principal financial questions of interest to both countries with a view to promoting a policy of financial co-operation to cope with the existing world-wide depression. The underlying causes of the exceptional gold movements between London and Paris have been discussed. It has been confirmed that the French authorities in no way welcome the abnormal gold movements and have been anxious so far as possible to avoid measures tending to bring them about.

The French Treasury, while not considering that the methods of managing the public funds in France have had the influence sometimes attributed to them has, nevertheless, readily stated its intention of taking an account consistent with its own needs of the repercussions which its operations might have on the monetary War debt.

Treasures on the Alert. It was agreed that the two Treasures should be kept in touch on questions arising from the reports of the gold delegation of the League of Nations. It was also agreed that cardinal importance should be attached to the resumption of foreign lending on a normal scale by creditor countries, and the French authorities have on many occasions made known their desire to encourage foreign lending on the Paris Market.

But it is recognised that the present credit difficulties are largely due to a lack of confidence of the investor and that it is essential that borrowing countries should themselves take all possible measures to restore confidence.

Loan Operations.

Steps to promote effective co-operation between the markets with a view to loan operations would contribute to alleviate the existing depression and all possibilities should be examined.

The statement refers to the League discussion with a view to facilitating agricultural credits in Central and Eastern Europe and expresses the hope that practical results may be realised at an early date. It adds that the conversations have not aimed at definite Inter-Government agreements, but have enabled contact to be established on questions affecting the financial and economic interests of both countries, which will be maintained, and the conversations will be renewed as circumstances require. — British Wireless Service.

Another Version:

London, Yesterday. The Treasury has issued a statement on the subject of the past two months' discussions between itself and the French Finance Ministry. The statement says that it was agreed that cardinal importance should be attached to the resumption of foreign lending on a normal scale by creditor countries. It was recognised, however, that the present credit difficulties were largely due to lack of confidence on the part of the investor, and it was essential that borrowing countries should exert themselves to their utmost to restore that confidence.

The statement declares that concrete proposals are now being formulated by experts following the League of Nations' decision to start detailed discussions with a view to facilitating the placing of agricultural credits in Central Europe and Eastern Europe.

It concludes by stating that the conversations were not directed at establishing a definite inter-Governmental agreement on specific points, but enabled contact to be established on various ques-

FRANCE JOINS THE NAVAL TREATY

Hope of Agreement Hinges on Italy.

BRITISH VISIT TO ROME.

Paris, Yesterday. A Franco-British agreement has virtually been reached regarding the conditions on which France is to become a party to a full London Naval Treaty. This fact was gathered from a British source after the lunch given by M. Briand to Mr. Arthur Henderson and Mr. A. V. Alexander. Last year's triple London Naval Agreement will accordingly become quintuple if Italy joins the Franco-British agreement; otherwise the latter will fall to the ground. Britain having hitherto refused to agree to a safeguarding clause under which France may resume liberty of action should Italy intensify her naval building programme.

Mr. Henderson and Mr. Alexander leave for Rome to-night to meet the Italian Government experts.

Later. Mr. Henderson and Mr. Alexander departed for Rome to-night. — Reuter.

Object of Parleys.

Rugby, Yesterday. Negotiations on Naval Limitation between Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary and the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander, and M. Briand and Mr. Bumont, the French Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Marine respectively, were continued throughout to-day in Paris. Although no official information was issued, it is understood that progress was made as a result of which the British Ministry, with technical advisers who had taken part in the Paris Conversations, decided to proceed to Rome to-night to discuss questions with the Italian Government representatives.

Broadly stated, the object of the present negotiations, as of the preliminary conversations which Mr. Craigie, of the Foreign Office, has had during recent months with the French and Italian experts in Paris, Rome and Geneva, is to overcome the difficulties which remained after the Powers Naval Conference held in London a year ago.

As a result of that Conference a three Power Treaty was signed between Britain, the United States and Japan, while France and Italy were to continue the negotiations which, it was hoped, would enable them to adhere to the Five Power Treaty.

The object of the British negotiations has been to facilitate a Naval Agreement of such a nature as would eliminate any need on the part of Britain to invoke Article 21 of the Three Power Treaty, whereby Britain, if compelled to do so by continental building, might ravish the limits laid down in that part. Other Powers' slant to the London Naval Treaty are being kept informed of all developments. — British Wireless Service.

Earlier News.

Paris, Yesterday. The Anglo-French naval conversations were resumed at the Quai D'Orsay this morning, and will be continued without interruption in the hope of reaching an agreement to-night if possible. If an agreement is arrived at Mr. Henderson and Mr. Alexander intend going to Rome direct from Paris with a view to obtaining the adherence of Italy also to the London naval treaty. — Reuter.

Turnbull's Apolaries at Penticton say they will probably harvest about 45 tons of honey this season and ship four carloads. The plant has a capacity of 200 tons and before long expects to reach an annual production of from 75 to 100 tons. Some 1,500 hives are now scattered in the interior 200 at Keremeos, 180 at Summerland, 200 at Oliver, 80 at Kaleden, 200 at Naramata, 850 at Penticton, 200 at Nicola Valley and 50 at Lytton.

The stowage of Turnbull's Apolaries at Penticton is deeply affecting Franco-British financial-economic interests. It was agreed that this contact should be maintained and further exchanges of views be conducted as required. — Reuter.

ADULTERATION OF MILK.

Chinese Dairy Owner Charged.

CUSTOMERS' COMPLAINTS.

Taking a serious view of the case, Mr. W. Schofield, in the Central Police Court this morning, imposed a fine of \$100 on Lau Mun, the proprietor of the Sing Kee Dairy, 16, Cochrane Street, who was summoned for having sold milk that had been adulterated.

Dr. G. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health) prosecuted. Mr. C. E. L. Grist appeared for defendant and pleaded not guilty.

Dr. Pope said that the summons had been taken out, not in the ordinary routine way, but because of a complaint received from people that they were not getting the milk that they should.

A Ruse. A clerk, Sui Shek-yung, said that on instructions from Dr.

SPLIT IN THE RANKS OF LABOUR.

Mosley's Disciples Resign from Party.

DISTINCT POLICY.

London, Yesterday. Two members of the House of Commons, Mr. John Strachey and Dr. Robert Forgan, M.C., M.D. (West Renfrew), both members of the Mosley group, have sent a letter to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald resigning from the Parliamentary Labour Party. — Reuter.

[A previous message stated:— There is a distinct possibility that Sir Oswald Mosley and his followers may resign from the Labour Party in the course of the week. By the middle of the week the "Mosley group" are publishing a pamphlet outlining their policy as distinct from that of the official Labour policy, preparatory to launching a platform campaign in all the principal industrial concerns.]

The Mosley Manifesto. London, Yesterday. At a meeting of the Mosley group of members of the House of Commons it was decided to continue the group's existence, leaving individuals free to take any action they think fit regarding their membership of the Labour Party.

Sir Oswald Mosley to-day issued a new manifesto, outlining a programme of disciplined national effort to meet the national crisis, his manifesto being largely an elaboration of that issued at the beginning of last December. — Reuter.

A London message of February 22 stated that there was believed to be a distinct possibility that Sir Oswald Mosley and his followers of the Labour Party in the course of the week. The Press Association's Lobbyist foresees the likelihood that the official Labour leaders will interpret his new manifesto as a challenge which will involve the question of Party discipline, and that therefore, Sir Oswald Mosley and his henchmen may anticipate official action by resigning from the party. The point of interest at the moment is how many members of Parliament would follow Sir Oswald Mosley in the event of these prophecies proving sound.

His manifesto of December last was signed by only seventeen members, while a two-day conference of the Southern Counties Division of the ILP, specifically called for the purpose of considering the question of disaffiliation from the official Labour Party, rejected Sir Oswald Mosley's proposals as a party programme by an overwhelming vote.]

material difference in price between the two milks.

Not Selling At Loss.

Dr. Pope—Are you selling it at a loss? — No.

You usually dilute the milk with about 40 or 50 per cent of water? — I do not dilute it with water in our shop.

Do you know you have been swindled by your suppliers in Canton? — I have no idea.

Dr. Pope—I recommend you to investigate them.

In answer to another question by Dr. Pope, defendant said that there was no notice up in his shop to say that they were selling a more expensive milk at the same price as the inferior quality.

Case for Defence.

After a young folk had given evidence, Mr. Grist submitted that there had been no evidence of the milk being diluted. The quantity of fat was rather low. He would not be surprised if it were buffalo's milk.

His Worship—Assuming it is buffalo milk, would it be necessary to add water to make it equal to the other milk?

Dr. Pope replied that the butter fat in buffalo milk was very rich, but the milk wasn't rich in the other necessary constituents. He had not known of a dairy which mixed water with buffalo milk.

Mr. Grist submitted that his defence was that his client vended two kinds of milk—one for stewing and the other for drinking. The stewing milk was imported from Canton. It was the practice of his client to ask customers which kind of milk they wanted.

The defendant bore out Mr. Grist's statement and questioned by Dr. Pope, said that there was no

CRISIS IN INDIA

TORIES TO MAKE A STRONG STAND.

CHURCHILL AGAIN

"EMERGENCY" VOTE PASSED.

Churchill's "Vigour."

London, Yesterday. The Executive Council of the National Union of Conservative Association to-day unanimously passed a resolution by Commander Locker Lampson, seconded by Mr. Winston Churchill, to the effect that the crisis in India was of paramount importance and the Unionist Party were called on to make a strong stand for law and order.

Churchill's "Vigour."

India was not mentioned in the agenda of the Conservative Executive meeting to-day, from which Mr. Baldwin was absent. Only a few members of Parliament were present, including Mr. Neville Chamberlain. The resolution on India was submitted as an "emergency resolution," and Mr. Churchill spoke with great vigour and congratulated the Council on their wisdom in including India in their business.

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Conference in India.

New Delhi, Yesterday. In the course of conversations with delegates of the Round Table Conference, Lord Irwin explained that if Gandhi agreed to a settlement the Round Table might be reconstituted with the possible inclusion of 15 Congress delegates. The conference would then be held in India, after which India committees would be formed.

Viceroy Explains.

New Delhi, Yesterday. Lord Irwin explained his talks with Gandhi to eight members of the Round Table delegation, who unanimously approved of the line of compromise as regards the constitution of the conference and the situation is hopeful. The Congress Working Committee has passed a resolution giving Gandhi unfettered authority to conclude a settlement with Lord Irwin. — Reuter.

COLLAPSED IN STATION

Detective-Inspector Fallon in the Kowloon Court to-day asked for a remand in connection with the case against Wong Fong, who is charged with



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Bruce—No. 8 buoy.

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Iroquois—East wall.

Kent—North arm.

Marazion—No. 4 buoy.

Medway—No. 2 buoy.

Odin—No. 2 buoy.

Osiris—In dock.

Oswald—In dock.

Otus—No. 2 buoy.

Petersfield—North arm.

Sandwich—No. 18 buoy.

Seyay—No. 11 buoy.

Seraph—No. 12 buoy.

Sirðard—South wall.

Stormcloud—No. 11 buoy.

Sterling—In dock.

Suffolk—North wall.

Tamar—Basin.

Tarantula—South wall.

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*KHYBER	9,114	14th Mar.	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*SOMALI	—	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	28th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
*KARIMALA	9,125	11th Apr.	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	16,588	25th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
*SUDAN	—	2nd May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KALYAN	9,114	9th May	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
COMORIN	15,102	22nd May	Bonh'ay, Marseilles & London.
KASHMIR	8,085	5th June	Mars, L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
RAMPURA	16,601	20th June	Bonh'ay, Marseilles & London.
KHAWALPINDI	16,619	4th July	M'seilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
KHAWALPINDI	16,619	18th July	Bonh'ay, M'seilles & London.
KHAWALPINDI	9,114	1st Aug.	M'seilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	15,558	15th Aug.	Bonh'ay, M'seilles & London.
KARIMALA	9,128	29th Aug.	M'seilles & London.
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		1931.	
RAWALPINDI	10,619	27th Feb.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,000	28th Feb.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
*MIRZAPORE	6,715	5th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
SANTHA	7,754	13th Mar.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KARIMALA	9,128	14th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SUDAN	—	19th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TALMA	10,000	25th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	10,586	27th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	6,853	6th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
TAKADA	9,149	10th Apr.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KALYAN	9,144	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,006	24th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
COMORIN	15,132	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHMIR	8,985	8th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
TANDA	6,956	8th May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
TAJALAMA	8,018	12th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RAMPURA	10,001	22nd May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	9,005	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	9,005	5th June	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
RAWALPINDI	10,619	19th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KHYBER	9,114	3rd July	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	8,953	6th July	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
RAJPUTANA	10,588	17th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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London, Jan. 22.

Increased competition in the American inter-coastal passenger and cargo trade is promised with the announcement by the Dollar Steamship Lines of their intention to establish immediately a fortnightly service eastward from Oriental ports and Manila via San Francisco and Los Angeles to New York via the Panama Canal.

This service will represent an extension of the present service of the line between the Orient and San Francisco, and it is indicated that eventually it may be developed into an eastward around the world service, making approximately the same calls as are made by the vessels in the present westward around the world service.

The new service will have the effect of increasing the sailings in the westward service of the Dollar Line from a fortnightly to a weekly basis in both the Transpacific and intercoastal trades, thus bringing the line into closer competition with the Panama Pacific Line, which is now maintaining a fortnightly service with its three big turbo-electric liners, the California, Pennsylvania and Virginia. The Panama Pacific, incidentally, has had under consideration for some time plans for the construction of additional vessels of the same type.

The new 21-knot turbo-electric liner President Hoover will be added to the Orient service in July, and her sister ship, now under construction at Newport News, will be added later. It is understood that two additional vessels of the same type will be ordered later. Whether these vessels, which will have a speed approximately three knots faster than the President vessels, will be added to the inter-coastal service has not been indicated. It has been understood that the new ships were intended primarily to meet the increased competition of the Canadian Pacific and Japanese Lines in the Transpacific trade.

The independent Transpacific service of the Dollar Line and its subsidiary, the Mail Line, over the so-called horseshoe route, covering both Puget Sound and California ports, is to be continued as heretofore. Seventeen President type ships are now operated in the Transpacific and around the world services of the line, and this number will be increased to nineteen with the entry of the President Hayes and President Monroe into the service.—Journal of Shipping and Commerce.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

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Feb. 26	0:13 5:4	21:50 14
Feb. 27	13:46 5:4	21:50 14
Feb. 28	0:13 3:2	20:20 14
Feb. 29	14:3 5:5	21:37 14
Mar. 1	15:34 6	20:42 14
Mar. 2	17:22 1	21:37 14
Mar. 3	0:04 3:8	21:55 14
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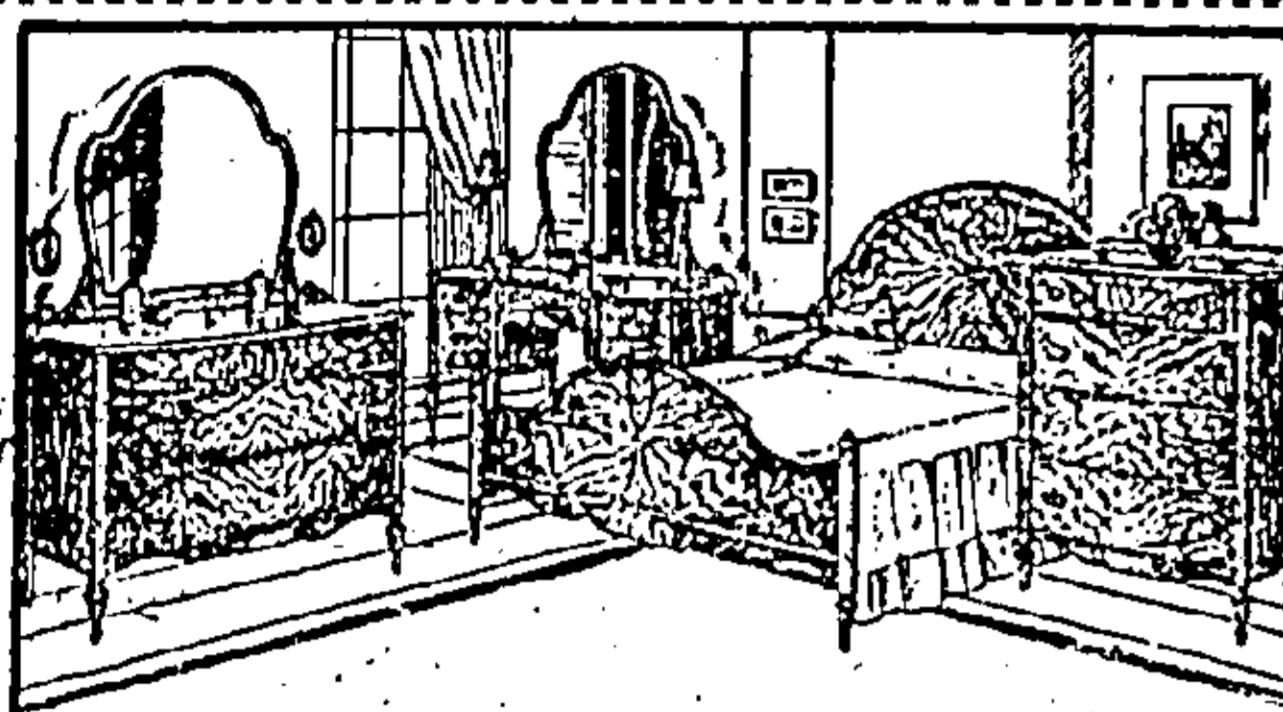


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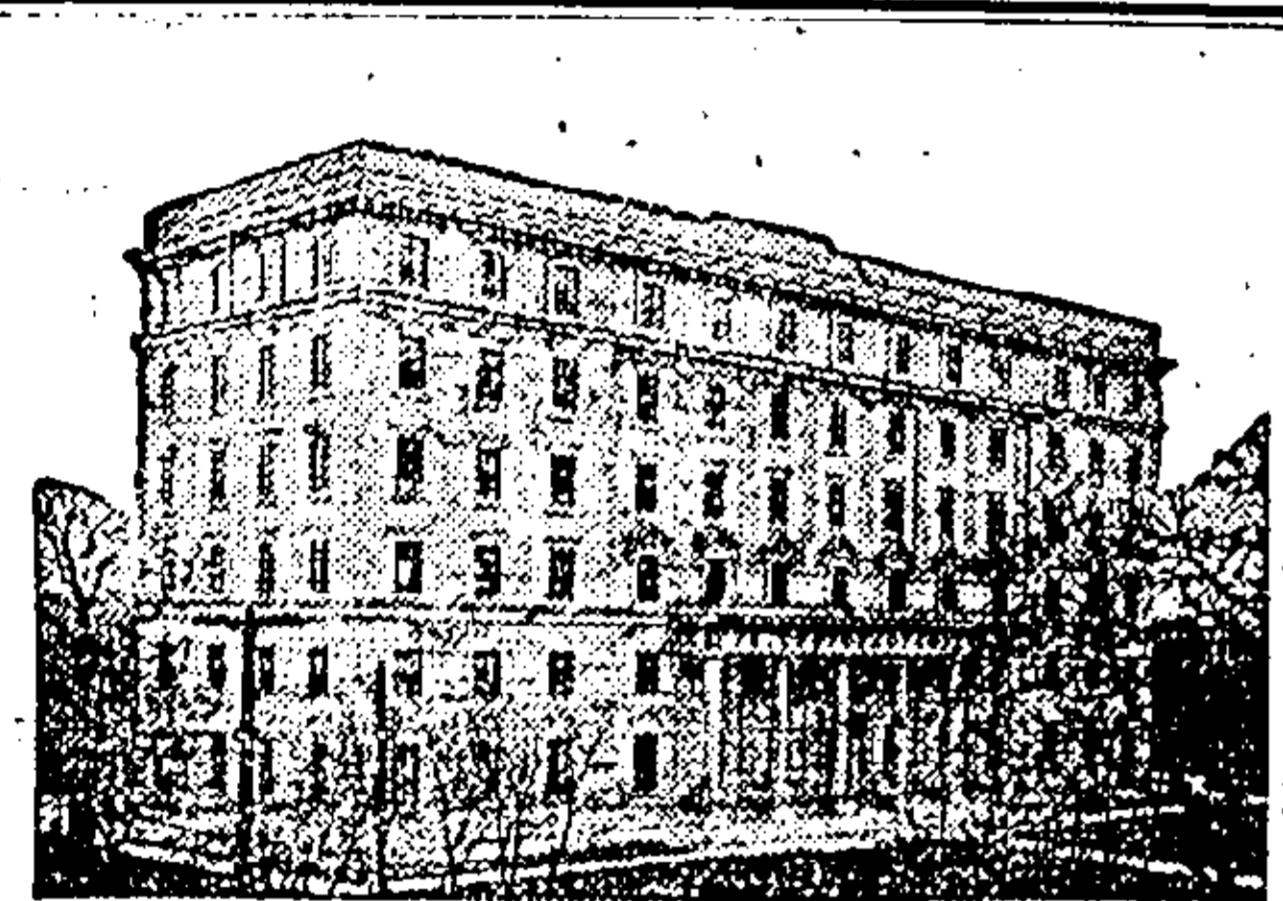
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and to declare that it has sunk to the mediocre level of a country or provincial "rag" without a soul, without one original thought, and minus any care for the welfare of the community in which it is published? The answer to that must be decidedly in the affirmative!

News in Brief.

A concert of instrumental music organised by Mr. Harry Ore will be given in the Helena May Institute on Thursday, March 5, at 6.30 p.m. If fees are wanted, please book from Matron 22160. Advt.

Whilst standing on the stern of her sampan which was lying in the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter, a Chinese woman named Lau Sze, stated to be 81 years of age, overbalanced herself, fell into the harbour, and was drowned.

Yesterday, three robbers, one of whom was armed with a knife, broke into the second floor of 20 Eastern Street. After binding and gagging the inmates, they proceeded to ransack the flat. Jewellery to the value of \$161 was stolen.

A coolie living at 99 West Street Shaukiwan, was yesterday removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from stab wounds in the left leg and breast, which are alleged to have been inflicted by a fellow-lodger, who has since been arrested.

"Who are they trying it on with the new Sergeant or the new Magistrate?" asked Mr. E. W. Hamilton, who took over the duties of Kowloon Magistrate this morning, when a number of hawkers pleaded not guilty to branches of the regulations.

When Wong-shum appeared in the Kowloon Court this morning charged with failing to have full control over his cycle in Prince Edward Road, yesterday, Mr. Hamilton imposed a fine of \$10 and said that this dangerous cycling business had got to stop.

That brilliant production, "The Merry Widow," was hailed with delight on its return to the Star Theatre, where it is being screened for the last time to-day. John Gilbert and Mae Murray are the leading players. The scenes are spectacular, especially the technique effect toward the end.

VINTNERS' VESSELS.

WINE-BOTTLES FROM THE OUTSIDE.

An ex-wagon tolling up a sunny hillside between the rows of vines, a chateau on a woody rise overlooking the wide and undulating countryside; a castle, spired and battlemented, high over a little town on the verge of a placid river—such are the pictures which the wine-bottles bring to us at Christmas.

With little practice exploration into the printed imagery that our wine-merchant set before us can become quite exciting. The indeterminate Graves or the impudent claret which was bought last week from the "off-licence" down the road can be recognised again by the picture on the bottle. On the one we distinctly remember the prim chateau up to whose balustraded terrace the vines are clustering; on the other the uninspiring expanse of vineyards, like those in Switzerland, which resemble nothing so much as masses of greyish-green weed left high and dry by the lakes they border.

Round the names of wines rolls an echo (as the wines themselves roll round our palate)—a flavour of the good old things that are still drawn painfully by man's own labour from Mother Earth. We can taste them like the very grape itself. The clarets: the names are like the announcements to some great eighteenth-century drawing room—Pontet Canet, Cambon la Pelouse, Cantenac, Beautejou, Malescot, Margaux, Leoville-Lascaux, Larose, Latour, Leoville-Poyferre, Mouton Rothschild—names redolent of the history of place and people. The burgundies have their own music, softer, perhaps, but no less beautiful: Beaune, Yonne, Romanee, Clos de Vougeot, Richebourg, the rich bouquet of the wine is in it, Nuits St. Georges, Santenay, Vergelesses, Chambertin, Montrachet. Not quite so aristocratic, but they are like a banner triumphantly unfurled against the vulgarity of our gins and whiskies and vermouths, whose bottles seek by flippant shapes or flamboyant labels to draw unmerited attention to their dubious charm. The champagnes, too, even if a trifle frivolous in their nomenclature (there is the hint of a wink in Veuve Clicquot), have a certain dignity, but they do not present the same defiant glance as their colleagues from Burgundy and Bordeaux.

The French wine-bottles lack the pomposity of the Greeks and Romans, with their tall thin necks and rather foppishly coloured capsules. These are the dandies. Yet, for all their stilted elegance there is music, too, in Liebfraumilch, Niersteiner, Rudesheimer. But the tone is heavy; they have neither the wit of the burgundies nor the breeding of the clarets; and their sense of importance allows their melody to degenerate into such monstrous designations as Winkel Husensprung, Beeren Auslese, Cabinet or Hallgarten, Schonelle Cabinet feinste Auslese. Who could feel really happy in the company of wines, however excellent, with such outlandish names? And who, unable to resist the mellifluous symphony of Bernkasteler Riesling, or the still flowery Rosenberg, would not eschew, for all its admirable qualities, the fragrance of Bernkasteler Pfaffenberger?

These labels, whether they bear pictures or printed names, possess a special excitement and esoteric meaning for the discerning amateur. No one, it is true, should choose his Christmas wines by the sound of their names; but how much greater pleasure would one experience in opening a bottle if it was labelled not merely "Sauternes" in a plain border but, as on the bottle which stands graciously empty before me, with an inscription in gold, like a roll of drums, like a flourish of trumpets before a banquet, an inscription, surmounted by a princely coat of arms flanked by two resplendent lions, of the resounding words, "Vin de Sauternes de M. le Marquis de Lur Saluces, Chateau Filhot?"

The kindly marquis steps quietly out of the past, and with his own bejewelled hands pours out his favours on a generation which does not perhaps deserve or appreciate them. The wine tastes all the sweeter for his courtliness. It is of such discoveries, no less than a garbled glimpse of his chateau and serried vines, that our particular delights are composed.—The Times.

PRINCES CHEERED.

WONDERFUL RECEPTION IN VALPARAISO.

CITY ILLUMINATED.

Valparaiso, Yesterday. The Prince of Wales and Prince George arrived by aeroplane, escorted by six other aeroplanes, from Santiago.

They were welcomed by screaming sirens from every vessel in the port, and deafening cheers from a crowd of 10,000 people as they drove to the Presidential place.

The city is illuminated to-night in honour of the Princes.—Reuter's American Service.

To Lead Polo Team. Rugby, Yesterday. The Prince of Wales and Prince George, who last night reached Valparaiso by aeroplane, received the Honorary Citizenship of Vina Del Mar. To-day the Prince of Wales will lead the polo team in a match against a selected Chilean team.—British Wireless Service.

MISS MARIA GOMES.

COMING RECITAL IN HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.

WELL-KNOWN LOCALLY.

Local music-lovers await with considerable interest the recital to be given in the Helena May Institute on Friday by Miss Maria Gomes, her first public appearance in Hong Kong since her return from a successful course of study abroad. Miss Gomes is no stranger to the local concert platform, where she appeared before leaving for America four years ago. Since then she has studied under some of the most eminent teachers of the day, and has won golden opinions in the American Press.

The concert will be under the patronage of Lady Peel and Madame d'Albuquerque, and the programme will be a composite one, as Miss Gomes is equally skilled in aria, ballad or German Lieder. Her repertoire includes selections in six different languages.

Mrs. Scott Little will be at the piano.

IRON AND STEEL WORKERS.

Brussels, Jan. 18. A 12 per cent. wage reduction taking effect immediately and an additional 5 per cent. reduction for March 1 were decided upon by the mixed commission for the iron and steel construction industry. It is believed the decision heralds large scale reductions.

BOOM CLOSE TO A DULL YEAR IN ART.

Success of East London Group.

"WINNING MEN."

The end of anything but a perfect year for artists has been marked by a small 'boom' in British art.

Each of the drawings of Spain shown by Mr. Muirhead Bone at Colnaghi's Galleries has found a purchaser, and in the exhibition of the East London Group at the Lefevre Galleries sixty pictures have been sold in ten days.

Mr. Muirhead Bone's success was expected. Mr. Bone has been before the artistic public for many years, and in his particular field he is unequalled by any artist—British or Continental. Also Spain is a romantic country, and Mr. Bone has caught the very essence of his subject, and portrayed it with superb technique.

No "Sensations."

But the signal success of the East London Group has come as something of a surprise. The artists are all young, and they are all comparatively unknown, as the Group has held only one exhibition before. The pictures, moreover, are quiet and unpretentious; they include no portraits of pretty women, and they are not sensational in any way.

Picture lovers recognise in these London landscapes and "genre" studies the typical light and rather wistful atmosphere of London streets and London life; and as the paintings are all modestly priced—six to twenty-five guineas—they have bought them without feeling extra-agent.

There has also been a feeling among the visitors to this show that many of the members of the group are "coming men"—that Mr. Elwin Hawthorne, Mr. W. J. Steggles and his brother, Mr. Munroe Fitzgerald, Mr. William Coldstream, and Mr. John Cooper, the president, among others, are likely to win considerable reputations.

MANILA RISING.

RELIGIOUS FANATICS IN PHILIPPINES.

New York, Jan. 12.

A message from Manila says that the constabulary recaptured to-day the town of Tayog from a band of native religious fanatics known as the "Colorums," who hauled down and burned the American flag. After seizing the city hall the rebels barricaded themselves in a convent, which the constabulary stormed, killing eleven persons, of whom two were women. It is stated that the fanatics were urged on by Red propaganda.

A message from Manila says that two of the police were killed and 21 wounded and that several civilians were injured by the fanatics the leader of whom was killed. Thirty-one of the fanatics have been arrested, but 200 of them escaped in the darkness. The situation is now well in hand.

The "Colorums" oppose the law and urge a form of religious anarchy. They caused trouble in the Philippines in 1924, since when their membership has increased. The fanatics on this occasion wore red belts in which were sown papers describing the purpose of their organisation.

FINNISH POLITICS.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN PROGRESS.

Helsingfors, Jan. 15. Finland is in the throes of a campaign for the presidential election. At the last minute, reluctantly, the present Premier and former Regent, M. Svinhufvud, allowed his name to go forward. He will be supported by the Wappoites. The leader of the Agrarians M. Kallio, who has been several times Premier, is another favourite in the running. The Socialists put up their leader, M. Tunner, and the progressives, Professor Stahlberg, whose sensational abduction by Fascist officers was the object of the recent notorious trial. The indications at present seem to favour the chances of M. Svinhufvud.

Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail,"
February 25, 1921.)

To-day's dollar is worth 2/5-1/2.

The following is an extract from the report and award list of the Vere Foster writing competition for 1919-20:—"A copy of considerable merit and deserving of special commendation has been submitted by Ma Ping-ll, Saiping English School, Hong Kong. In order of merit he ranks fourth in the Empire. This is the fourth occasion on which awards have been made to pupils from this school."

WANCHAI SHOOTING AFFAIR.

Evidence of the Female Prisoner.

VERDICT OF JURY.

At the Assizes yesterday afternoon, Mrs. Juana Maria Xavier gave dramatic evidence on her own behalf to a crowded Court. She said emphatically, in reply to Mr. Somerset Fitzroy (Counsel for Crown): "I had no desire and no intention of hurting Manton."

Prisoner stood charged before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. J. R. Wood) on three counts:

Wounding with intent to murder.

Wounding with intent to maim or do some other grievous bodily harm.

Unlawful and malicious wounding of Mr. Manton.

In the course of the hearing, two remarkable letters, which prisoner stated she had written prior to the affair, were read to the Jury. One letter sadly expressed prisoner's feelings at the time of writing it.

Asked by Mr. Leo d'Almada, junior, why she went for a walk along the Praya on the evening prior to the shooting, prisoner replied she did so with the intention of jumping into the harbour. But she failed to find courage, and thought that there were still hopes of Manton taking her back.

No More Chance.

From the conversation which she subsequently had with Manton she knew that there would be no more chance given her, and she went to the wardrobe, took out the



THE ABSENT-MINDED HOUSEMAID.
Smith's Weekly, Sydney.

revolver and laid it on the top of the sewing machine. This was after she had given Manton some fish for his (fish).

"My intention was to make a sign of the cross with my right hand, change the gun over, and shoot myself in the head with the revolver.

The gun went off accidentally whilst I still had it in my left hand. It went off three times. I expected to see a spark when it went off, and I was surprised, and did not know that it had gone off."

As soon as the shots were fired, Manton tried to get the gun, but she endeavoured to put the gun in her right hand and shoot herself. Manton, however, got hold of the gun.

Mr. d'Almada:—What made you go to the police station?

Prisoner:—I saw blood stains on the steps and I knew that something was wrong. So naturally, I followed the trail to see where he went to.

Cross-examined by Mr. Fitzroy, prisoner said that she did not know even what a trigger was. "She took it to be the hammer."

The Letter.

The letter was then read:

To Hasfen My Torture.

"What I am going to do is only to hasten my torture and sufferings as I am lonely and unfortunate and not a soul in this world who really cares—always alone. No society accepts me as a respectable person who can mix with others because I left my husband and live with other men. Now that I found a real good man and I am ready to shed even to the last drop of my blood if need be for him. He has another woman and he tells me to go away and he will give me \$50 a month. What is money after all? I want a home with him because he made a solemn promise and sent another man to come to him. Six years I have been with him and now he says out I go. Will the world think kindly on me just this once and please don't condemn me for being a coward and not able to face the world?"

I am innocent. I have no affairs with any other man and my love and attention are all centred on him. He made me close my boarding house on the promise of looking after me. I die; he told me to leave another man for him so I did, and now what? He has a lot of excuses and he says I am not good but that is his excuse. I am not a saint but I am really not bad. I tried all my best to please him and afterwards others. Will my brothers and sisters forgive me for casting this shame on them? I hope

they will all forgive me. I love them all and I do not care to live any longer, please put a stone on top of my name and forget for ever that Jesus is one of their sisters. My love to all the kiddies especially Carlo and Alfonso and I only ask one favour from them to please teach their children to think kindly of me if ever my name crops up in conversation."

Good-bye to you all for ever. Of course I am including my brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law in my petition. Will you all forgive me? Please do. I am separated and crazy. Now I wish to live and send all dear ones but I can't. Last and foremost my dear Alfred good-bye. I hope your new girl will be good to you because you are the best and you deserve happiness. I am not condemning you for the step you are taking. I am very unfortunate and had been for some years until I met you. Then all was beautiful, glorious and the best but of course everything can't last for ever so my beautiful time has come to an end and so Good-bye, Good-bye Alice. Good-bye—dear friend.

JESS."

No Change in Affection.

Mr. d'Almada:—When you had the gun in your left hand did you ever constantly point it at him?

Prisoner:—I did not point it at him. I was looking at the trigger.

Counsel:—When you knew that Manton had definitely given you up, did your affection for him turn to hatred?

Prisoner:—My affection for him was the same as before.

Counsel:—Immediately after Manton got hold of the gun, did you say something to him?

Prisoner:—I wanted him to kill me.

Address to Jury.

In his address to the jury, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy said that it was pretty obvious that prisoner was in a highly strung condition at the time of the shooting. She went to Kowloon and "surprisingly" took a revolver from a locked wardrobe, while her sister was still in her bath. Prisoner took the revolver over to her flat in Wanchai. Could the jury believe that a revolver, requiring a pull of about seven pounds, went off three times by accident? He submitted that they could not come to that conclusion.

Addressing the jury on behalf of the prisoner, Mr. Leo d'Almada said that it was their fortunate lot that, cases like that, where the private life of a woman and her lover are probed into, were very rare in the Colony. He asked them not to consider the sordid facts of this sad case, but just to bear in mind facts of the actual shooting affair.

The only evidence of value was that three shots were fired and that Manton was injured. No one was able to say that those shots were fired deliberately with the intention of wounding or murdering him.

Had prisoner any intention of wounding Manton or even murdering him, there was nothing whatsoever to have prevented her from jamming the revolver into the back of his head, and blowing it off?

He submitted that he was justified in saying that the Crown had not succeeded in any way in proving intent, and added that it was proved in evidence that prisoner was right-handed, normally.

Onus of Defence.

Summing up, his Lordship, reminded the jury that it was a very sad case, and the story was still fresh in their minds. He would not have to go into the facts in detail, but pointed out that in the first instance it was for the Crown to prove that the bullets were fired with intent, but after the evidence as to the position of the wounds, he thought the case was then thrown upon the defence to prove that it was an accident. If they found prisoner guilty, it must be on one of the charges only. He left them to decide.

After deliberating for 25 minutes, the jury returned a unanimous verdict of "Not Guilty" on all three counts.

His Lordship:—"Mrs. Xavier, you are discharged."

INDENTURED LABOUR.

North Borneo And The U.S.A.
Tariff Act.

At a committee meeting of the North Borneo Chamber of Commerce, held in the offices of Messrs. Harrisons and Crossfield (Borneo), Ltd. on January 16, the Hon. Mr. F. W. Pinnock in the chair, Section 307 of the U.S.A. Tariff Act was again deliberated, and Government's reply to the Chamber's letter was read. After discussion it was decided that every effort should be made to understand fully Borneo's position in relation to the ban of entry on goods produced by indentured labour under penal sanctions, and the secretary was again instructed to request this information from Government.

The secretary reported that a meeting of the Borneo Committee had been held in London on November 19, and read matters of interest that had been discussed. There being no other business the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the chair.

THE PROBLEMS OF COMMERCE.

Urgent Need for Clear Thinking.

LT. COL. MORCOM'S ADDRESS.

Lieut.-Col. R. K. Morcom, C.B.E., was the speaker at the weekly tiffin of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong yesterday, his subject being that of "Balance in Commerce."

Introducing his topic, Lieut.-Col. Morcom said he did not think those present would wish him to address them as an engineer, but as a member of an economic mission. "I do not exactly know what is a suitable subject for a post-tiffin address, but I have a fair idea of what is not," he said.

"Villain of the Piece."

"Let it be confessed here that the engineer is the real villain of the piece; without him, we should still be living in the good old days of flint arrows, homespun, carts and coracles. He has replaced these by destructive armaments, mass-produced textiles, lorries and liners."

".....Engineers, by speeding up the processes of humanity, have so reduced the size of the economic world, that nations jostle one another, and what were simple affairs of family or clan take on an international aspect."

Parasites On The Farmer.

Dealing with current economic considerations, the speaker reminded his hearers that industrialists and industrial workers were merely parasites on agriculture. The complicated system of civilisation was devised to ensure their food supply, and allow them to eat it in comfort and security. In return they were expected to render service to the farmer.

"I am afraid that industrial workers the world over are so busy calling other people parasites that they forget to apply the epithet to themselves" he said. "Yet, when your British workman clamours for his cheap tea table or his cheap rice pudding he is directly encouraging underpayment in tea and rice producing countries. We may deplore cheap labour or child labour in other countries, but that does not stop us from buying a cheap pair of Japanese socks, or a cheap piece of Chinese silk, thereby giving tacit consent to the very conditions we deprecate. And it is not to the point to cast the blame on greedy employers."

Thraldom of the Land.

"Cheap labourers, men, women and children, seek employment in Eastern factories, largely to escape from the thraldom of agriculture, a direct result of the cheap food demand of organised industry. The women are better off in the factories than in the fields, the children are much better with their mothers, than left unattended in the streets. In fact, the mothers would probably go on strike if they could not have their children with them."

Utopian Model.

Continuing, the speaker remarked that perfect balance in commerce could only be found in Utopia. There, agriculture would produce just what the world required for an adequate supply, distribution channels would divide it up equitably, finance maintain a perfect credit system and labour would be trained so as to find full employment for everybody.

More harm had been done to the system by the Great War than all the waste and destruction of actual warfare. The balance had been destroyed, the complicated fabric of industry had fallen to the ground, "and all our endeavours have so far failed to set Humpty Dumpty up again."

Wrong Palliatives.

Politicians and financiers, had tried one palliative or another, only to find themselves faced by increasingly difficult problems. "What we should do is to face the music and start restoring the balance rather than tinkering away with political petticoats. Unless we do, crisis will follow crisis, and catastrophe follow catastrophe in ever increasing waves."

Rotarian Robertson, in thanking the speaker for his interesting address, agreed that clear thinking was essential. He did not think, however, that economists could produce an exact science or claim to do so, as the material on which they were working was constantly changing.

BRITISH AIR MAIL.

AGREEMENT WITH ITALY
SIGNED.

Rome, Jan. 14.
Signor Mussolini, as (acting) Minister of Air, and Mr. Francis G. L. Bertram, of the Civil Aviation Department of the British Air Ministry, have signed an agreement with regard to the air connection between England and India, establishing the passage of the air mail via Genoa, Ostia (near Rome), Graz and Naples.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

Friday—Whist Drive, Helena May Institute, Kowloon, 8.45 p.m.

Friday—Farewell Dinner to British Economic Mission, Peninsula Hotel.

Saturday—Eliot Hall annual concert and dance, 8 p.m.

Saturday—St. David's Society Dinner, Lane Crawford's.

Saturday—Craigengower Cricket Club Dance.

Saturday—R. A. O. C. Dance.

March 5—R.A.O.B. Regatta Dance, Garrison Lecture Hall.

March 20—Yorkshire Society Dinner.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre.

"The Golden Calf."

To-day—Central Théâtre.

"True to the Navy."

To-day—Majestic Theatre.

"Vakabone King."

To-day—Star Theatre.

"The Merry Widow."

To-day—World Theatre.

"Hung Lin Tsai," (Chinese picture).

Friday—Song Recital (Miss M. Gomes), Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

March 7, 10, 13, 14—"Art & Mrs. Botticelli" by A.D.C. Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Home Mail.

To-day—Outward for Europe via Siberia (Rawalpindi), 10.30 a.m.

To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Tokkwa Maru); from Europe via Suez (Rawalpindi).

Sports.

See Diary on page 8.

Meetings.

To-morrow—Ladies' Recreation Club, Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

To-morrow—Legislative Council 2.30 p.m.

Friday—Hong Kong Tramways, Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office, noon.

Saturday—Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, 11.30 a.m.

March 5—H.K., Canton, Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., Queen's Building, 11 a.m.

March 11—Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., Exchange Building (2nd floor), 11.30 a.m.

March 18—Green Island Cement Co., Exchange Building, 11.30 a.m.

PRESS CENSORSHIP IN JAPAN.

Journalists Win Signal Victory.

Government interference with the Press has increased noticeably during 1930 and newspaper publishers throughout the Empire faced 1931 prepared to fight for complete elimination of peace time censorship of their journals.

It is not likely that their ambitious programme will be realised during the coming year, but it does seem probable, as 1930 draws to an end, that complete freedom of the Press may be obtained within a very few years.

The publishers won a most important victory when they forced Mr. Kenzo Adachi, the Home Minister in the Minseito Party Cabinet headed by Prime Minister Yuko Hamaguchi, to tender a formal apology for the action of the Tokyo Metropolitan Police in detaining a reporter of the *Shimpo*, a Tokyo daily, and submitting him to vigorous questioning regarding his activity as a political writer. The Home Minister has charge of the Police Department and must accept responsibility.

The Minister's apology, an almost unprecedented action in a land where "face" still is a primary consideration in matters of conduct, was given in person to the representatives of 16 newspapers and news agencies after the journalists had published a memorandum charging the Government with oppressions reminiscent of the methods of Czarist Russia at its worst.

Unreserved Apology.

"I regret extremely that the action of the Metropolitan Police Board was truly lacking in propriety," Mr. Adachi said, adding that he would "in the future pay sufficient attention to the freedom of the Press."

Newspapers hailed the apology as a victory for liberalism and say in it proof positive that the movement for a Government controlled by popular opinion has advanced. Editors generally believed that with the Diet due to get down to business the Government will treat the Press with the utmost consideration. If it does not a general attack on the Cabinet by the leading dailies of the Empire was considered certain.

The U.S. reporter arrested was

Mr. Munro Hosok

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAIIS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25.
Java and Manila Tjitaroëa
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26.
Europe via Suez Letters & Papers (London
Jan. 29, and Parcels Jan. 22) Rawalpindi
Straits Tilawa
Japan Tander
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London,
Feb. 7) Tokiwa Maru
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle,
Feb. 7) President Cleveland
Amoy Takada
Manila Empress of Russia
Shanghai Malwa
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28.
Japan Heliyo Maru
SUNDAY, MARCH 1.
Shanghai and Amoy Tjikarang
Japan Chichibu Maru
MONDAY, MARCH 2.
Japan and Amoy Tjipama
Manila President Lincoln
TUESDAY, MARCH 3.
Straits Cremer
Japan and Shanghai Chenoneaux
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4.
Australia and Manila St. Albans.
SATURDAY, MARCH 7.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San
Francisco, Feb. 6) Pres. Van Buren

OUTWARD MAIIS

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25.
Manila Stuart Dollar 3.30 p.m.
Amoy 3.30 p.m.
Samshui & Wuchow 4 p.m.
Bangkok 5 p.m.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26.
"Swatow, *Amoy and Formosa 8.30 a.m.
Amoy 10.30 a.m.
Saigon 10.30 a.m.
Straits, East Africa via Mombasa,
South Africa via Lourenco Mar-
ques and "South American Ports
Swatow 11.30 a.m.
Amoy 3 p.m.
Hydroganes 3.30 p.m.
King Yuan 3.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia
Rawalpindi 10.30 a.m.
Kuingshoo 10.30 a.m.
Hai Ning 2 p.m.
Malwa (Due Marseilles, Mar. 27.)
G.P.O.
Parcels Feb. 27, 4.30 p.m.
Registration Feb. 28, 9 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and
New Zealand via Brisbane
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28.
Straits and Calcutta
Takada (Due Brisbane, Mar. 17.)
Parcels Feb. 27, 5 p.m.
Registration Feb. 28, 8.45 a.m.
Letters 9.30 a.m.
FEBRUARY 28.
Tanda
Parcels Feb. 28, Noon
Letters 1 p.m.
Halvard 2.30 p.m.
MARCH 1.
Canton Maru 9 a.m.
SUNDAY, MARCH 2.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow
MONDAY, MARCH 3.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S.
America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia
Amoy
TUESDAY, MARCH 3.
Manila and Java via Sourabaya
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,
E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt &
Europe via Marseilles
K.P.O.
Registration Mar. 3, 10 a.m.
Letters 1 p.m.
Calcutta via Straits
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow
Straits, *Egypt and *Europe via
Marseilles
Hohow and Bangkok
Swatow and Amoy
Shanghai, "Japan, Honolulu,
*U.S.A., *Canada, *C. & *S.
America and *Europe via San
Francisco
Chichibu Maru
(Due San Francisco, Mar. 25
and *Europe via Siberia)
Registration Mar. 3, 5 p.m.
Letters Mar. 4, 8.30 a.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

THE LITTLE AUk.
A WANDERER FROM THE FAR NORTH.

The little auk is quite a pigmy when compared with its congeners the familiar guillemot, razorbill, and puffin, says Prof. C. J. Patten in the Manchester Guardian. Formerly the great auk, giant of the group, was abundant in certain temperate regions of the northern hemisphere. It was unable to fly, and its breeding colonies, easily accessible, were ruthlessly raided. Man has been largely responsible for the extirpation of this quaint species, now extinct for the past 80 years. On the contrary, its diminutive cousin, barely one-fourth in size, flies admirably, and is holding its own with undiminished vigour. It is a hardy little creature, well adapted for a rough pelagic life, and able to endure the low temperature and blizzards of the Arctic regions. Indeed it has a predilection for the neighbourhood of icebergs, and is known to American fishermen as the "ice bird." Some years back, when passing a huge iceberg in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, I observed in the surrounding waters a large gathering of little auks fraternising with smaller companies of razorbills and puffins.

The plumage of the little auk conforms to that of the other members of the family, the black guillemot affording the one exception: upper plumage, glossy black; breast, snowy white; chin and throat, black. In summer, white in winter, mottled in spring and autumn, the moult being gradual. Male and female alike. Youngsters resemble their parents in winter garb. The little auk measures 8.5 inches; the wing half that length. The clutch consists of a single, remarkably large egg, pale greenish blue; in some instances lightly blotched and streaked with rusty red. The nesting site is generally in a hole or a recess under stones, some distance from the surface, to avoid raids by the Arctic fox and other enemies. But on sheer precipices, a couple of thousand feet or more above sea level, the nesting site is usually less secluded. In large colonies, where space is at a premium, the eggs, for the most part, occupy exposed ledges.

In spring the little auk journeys post-haste to its home in the Far North. In the Old World its breeding range extends from Iceland eastwards to Novaya Zemlya. It is wonderful to behold the myriads of little auks assembled on the precipitous cliffs of Spitzbergen. Astonishingly large numbers also congregate still farther north on the drift ice. In the New World the breeding range extends from Greenland (also inhabited by swarming colonies) westward to the eastern side of Arctic Canada. When the breeding duties have been discharged the swarming masses scatter into smaller parties, and then lead a gipsylike, pelagic life. Leaving the Arctic regions they migrate southwards, and in autumn and early winter they abound and are widely distributed in the North Atlantic and North Sea. With the advance of the cold season the more energetic travellers push forward until they reach about latitude 35°N. when the coastal areas of the Azores and Canary Isles are not infrequently visited. To the British Isles the little auk is an irregular visitor. Its advent depends largely upon adverse weather. When exceptionally severe conditions set in, especially at sea, the bird often appears in considerable numbers, seeking the shelter of bays and harbours. When driven inland by heavy gales it has frequently been found taking refuge in weird situations. The following incident, which came under my personal notice, illustrates this point in an impressive manner.

A Disabled Visitor.
Heedless of small knot of lively and inquisitive spectators, a neat little figure with a snowy breast drifted leisurely, like a toy boat, in the fountain which stands in the centre of the quadrangle of Sheffield University. It was a little auk. This charming and strange visitor showed no inclination to escape by flight, and it was not until I touched the water with a landing net

that the bird disappeared from the surface. Even then, owing to curvature of space and depth, its immersions were only of momentary duration. Capture was effected without difficulty by simply waiting until the bird floated over the sunken net. Judging from its contented demeanour and bright eyes, the pronounced emaciation of its body filled me with surprise. I was still more surprised to find the breastbone fractured and some internal organs injured. But birds, the world over, are brusque of the enjoyments of life, and optimism seems to cling even when death comes knocking at the door.

We may surmise that during heavy westerly gales the mountainous billows, veritable towering Atlantic "rollers," had threatened to engulf our hardy pelagic traveller. Doubtless scores of its kind, scattered over the face of the deep, found themselves in the same predicament. We picture them taking wing to avert danger; when necessity arises the flight of the little auk is strong and rapid. Numbers driven, westward by the raging gales, will have made for the shelter of the British seaboard. Even this haven proves inhospitable. To steer clear of the angry surf, dashing furiously against the rocks, the fugitives are forced once more to take to the wing; embarking this time on an overland route. During their hurried excursion some drop out from sheer exhaustion, and sojourn in unwonted haunts until opportunity permits them to reach the sea coast again. Others are unfortunately situated that they cannot move off: they succumb to starvation. In all probability a few laggards fall victims to predatory enemies. Finally, we picture not a few being killed or crippled by colliding with lighthouse lanterns or with weathercocks, lightning conductors, telegraph or telephone wires, or even with broadcasting aerials.

Doubtless the cheery little cripple, who sailed so contentedly in the University fountain, had previously crashed when migrating at topmost speed, during the hours of darkness, and although its wings escaped injury, the shock, concomitant with the lesions sustained, brought it to earth. Its inability to obtain food in so unnatural an environment, especially in a crippled state, accounts for its advanced emaciation.

CHINA DISBANDMENT.

Shansi Wants Loan of
\$24,000,000.

Tientsin, Jan. 15.

While the conferences between Mr. T. Y. Soong, General Chang Hsueh-liang and Divisional commanders of Shansi and north-western China are being continued, it transpires that Mr. Soong has brought to Tientsin about \$800,000 to pay off the ex-Kuomintang and Shansi commanders, persuading them to hand over to General Chang. Mr. Soong's estimate of \$800,000 has failed to meet the numerous and exorbitant demands of the Shansi Commanders, who insist on the issue, in the name of the Shanghai Provincial Government, of a \$24,000,000 loan. In view of the fact that \$800,000 is proving inadequate, Mr. Soong will wire to Nanking for more money.

The Nanking Minister, however, has succeeded in reaching some understanding concerning disbandment expenses, promising to pay to each of the commanders from \$60,000 to \$60,000 for 10,000 men, and from \$90,000 to \$100,000 for 20,000 men.

Some of the minor commanders with small independent armies, have approached General Chang for a share of the disbandment funds.

Visit Postponed.

Nanking, Jan. 15.

In view of pressure of work at Nanking, President Chiang Kai-shek has postponed his intended trip to North China to inspect the Nationalist forces along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and confer with his Divisional Commanders on the disbandment problem.

General Chu Pei-chen, Chief of Staff to the President, will leave for North China via the Tientsin-Pukow Railway to represent the President.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAYS QUOTATIONS.

On London—
Bank, Wire 11 1/4
Bank, on demand 11 1/4
Bank, 4 months' sight 11 5/16.
Credits, 4 months' sight 11 15/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight 11 1/16
(In, 1/16)

On demand 580
Credits, 4 months' sight 620

On New York—
On demand 22 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight 23 1/2

On London—
Wire 63 1/4
On demand 63 1/4

On Calcutta—
Wire 63 1/4
On demand 63 1/4

On Singapore—
On demand 40 1/2

On Manila—
On demand 45 1/2

On Shanghai—
On demand Tls. 76 1/2
Dollars 43 1/2 dis.

On Yokohama—
On demand 46
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate) 11 1/2
Silver (per oz.) 12 11/16

Bar Silver in Hong Kong Nominal

Copper Cash Nominal

Copper Cents 3% prem

Rate of Native Interest 3 1/4% p.a.

Chinese Sub Coin 25 1/2 dis.

Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.

Paris 123.95 1/2

New York 4.85 1/2

Brussels 34.84 1/2

Geneva 25.21

Amsterdam 12.11

Milan 92.80 1/2

Berlin 20.48 1/2

Stockholm 18.15

Copenhagen 18.16 1/2

Oslo 18.16

Vienna 34.57 1/2

Prague 164

Helsingfors 193

Madrid 45.42 1/2

Lisbon 87.25

Athens 87.5

Bucharest 817

Rio 474

Buenos Aires 36.78

Montevideo 25

Bombay 1/5 1/2

Shanghai 1/— 1/2

Hong Kong 11 1/4

Yokohama 2/— 18/32

Silver Spot 12 11/16

Silver Forward 12 9/16

—British Wireless Service

BIRTH CONTROL.

EFFORT TO EASE OLD LAWS IN AMERICA.

Washington, D.C., Feb. 18.

Advocates of birth control in the United States to-day appeared as witnesses before the Senate subcommittee which is considering the liberalization of the 60 years old federal laws which prohibit dissemination of birth control information.

Mrs. Margaret Sanger, who has long been an ardent advocate of birth control, even to the point of facing imprisonment for the sake of her beliefs, pleaded for relaxation and liberalization of the federal laws. She urged that the government make it possible to give mothers scientific information so that the sizes of families in America may be controlled.

Birth control, Mrs. Sanger said, should be tolerated in consideration for the health of mothers and for the welfare of children.

The federal laws which the birth control advocates are seeking to change make it illegal to send any information regarding birth control through the mails. It is doubted by observers that any changes in the existing laws will be possible during the fast dying present or final session of the Tenth Congress.—United Press.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations 25th Feb., 1931.

STOCK	Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nom.	Price	Last dividend and when paid
Banks						
Hong Kong Bank ..... \$	... 2105	... 2105	... 2105	...	Final 4% bonus \$1 per \$100 for 1930	
Chartered Bank ..... \$	... 101	... 101	... 101	...	Interest 7/4 free I/Tax \$1 per \$100 for 1930	Pending
Mercantile Bk., A.C. ..... \$	... 231	... 231	... 231	...	Interest 2% ad 1930 less I/Tax	Sep. 20
Bank of Asia ..... \$	... 110	... 110	... 110	...	Interest 8% for 1930	Feb. 23, 1931
Insurances						
Canton Ins. ..... \$	... 1805	... 1805	... 1805	...	Final 2% for 1930	
Union Ins. ..... \$	... 930	... 930	... 930	...	Final 1/4% for 1930	May 18, 1930
*China Underwriters ..... \$	... 900	... 900	... 900	...	Final 2% for 1930	May 18, 1930
China Fire Ins. ..... \$	... 935	... 935	... 935	...	Final 2% bonus \$1 per \$100 for 1930	May 18, 1930
H. K. Fire Ins. ..... \$	... 1803	... 1803	... 1803	...	Final 2% for 1930	Mar. 26, 1930
Shipping						
Douglas ..... \$	... 284	... 284	... 284	...	Last dividend for 1930	

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

AUTUMN FASHIONS.



GENTLEMEN'S TAILORS.



YOU CAN'T KILL THE PANTOMIME!

How He Draws £10,000 a Week Into His Shows.

WYLIE SEES RED.

This is the season of the year when my friend Julian Wylie is apt to see red. Some one is bound to get up and say that pantomime is dead, and that gets him off, writes William Pollock in the Sunday Express of December 14.

Julian Wylie persists in pantomimes. "There will be five this year, to be exact—in London, Liverpool, Birmingham, Manchester, and Edinburgh. Which will bring his total score of these productions up to ninety-four.

Next year he will no doubt do six pantomimes, and so be the first man to score a century in pantomimes.

In Julian Wylie's office in Shaftesbury-avenue there is hanging a photograph of George Robey. Robey has written on it: "I always feel sorry for poor Julian about three weeks before the pantomimes start."

But, bless you, "Poor Julian" likes it; he loves putting on pantomimes and rushing all over the railway systems seeing to them.

"On Monday I shall be in Edinburgh, on Tuesday in Birmingham, on Christmas night in Liverpool, in London on Boxing night, and I shall then catch the midnight train to Manchester," he tells you in that slow, resigned way of his. He has not had a Christmas dinner at home for years. And if you say, "Why do you do it?" he replies: "Oh, I don't know. I suppose because I like pantomime."

His brother Lauri Wylie, the playwright, adds to me the other day: "I don't know how Julian manages it all. I believe he likes going in trains to Scotland. I don't know why he never seems to get tired. I hate going in trains."

The fact of the matter is that Julian Wylie has a pantomime complex. It began when he was a small boy in Southport (where he was put to be an accountant, but did not care about the job), and dreamed that one day he would produce a pantomime at Drury Lane. He did—last year.

"I thought it was a success," he said to me, the last time I saw him. "Anyhow, it played to £10,000 in one week, and to more than £9,000 in each of the following three weeks. But, somehow, they don't want me to do another Drury Lane pantomime this year, and so I am doing one at the Dominion, which holds more people."

When Julian Wylie talks pantomime it is easy to understand why he persists in it and believes in it and gets rattled when he finds any one saying that it is "dead."

"Aladdin's" Fortune.

Ten years ago his "Aladdin" played to between £64,000 and £65,000 in fifteen weeks at the London Hippodrome. In Manchester one season a "Mother Goose" of his took £39,000 in ten weeks. He has paid George Robey a record pantomime salary of £650 a week, and opened to advance bookings of £25,000 on the strength of it—evidence of what a box-office attraction Mr. Robey is.

Julian Wylie employs about a thousand people, artists and others,

in pantomime during Christmastide and the New Year; and he estimates that about two hundred pantomimes are put on, up and down the country, every year.

"So I wouldn't say that pantomime is exactly dead, or even dying—would you?" he remarks challengingly.

He will talk for an hour on pantomime. He is encyclopedic on the subject. What does the word mean? It means "A man who imitates all." How old is it? It's as old as the ancient Greeks, and it came to this country from Italy in the reign of James the First. Why does Harlequin wear such queer garb? Well, all his "lozenges" signify something—the black patch is despair, the yellow patch hatred, the blue patch hope, the red patch love.

When Harlequin waves his wand in his right hand it means a good action; when he waves it in his left hand, a bad action. The pigtail curling over a clown's head signifies defiance, and the reason why clowns speak in funny, thin voices and are called "Joey" goes back to "Joey" Grimaldi, the father of clowns. Julian knows it all, by heart.

"Stick to the story" is his golden rule about pantomime. His argument is that nearly every pantomime is based on a fairy story or a rhyme that most people heard in the nursery and that if you play pranks with it they will be disappointed and annoyed. Foreign tourists and men in modern trousers are two things which he will not tolerate in his pantomimes, which always begin with the words "Here we are again."

"Aladdin" is his favourite, partly because he can get all sorts of "magical" tricks and stunts—which he loves—into it, partly because it was the subject of the first pantomime which he ever did with his late partner, James W. Tate.

"Jimmy" Tate was married to Miss Clarice Mayne, and as her accompanist, "That," was vastly popular in variety. He died—of pneumonia, I believe—through rushing about the country in his motor-car in bitter weather to see how various Wylie-Tate pantomimes were faring.

"Julian Wylie has all pantomime cards indexed. When I was in his office a few weeks ago a clerk was busily filling in printed postcards, telling potential chorus girls when and where to report for auditions; and when I went into his room I found him poring over two huge sheets of ruled-off cardbord while Miss Dorothy Ward turned over stacks of songs.

"What are you doing?" I asked, as he wrote something on one of these cardbord expanses.

"Filling in the music chart," he said. "I've got every scene in every one of my pantomimes tabulated here, and I write in the names of the songs and the singers as we decide on them."

"Nowadays all the songs sound alike to me," remarked Miss Ward. "When I started in this business we had songs that people could remember. Now we don't. Can you remember any of the songs you heard in last year's pantomimes?"

I cannot.

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DISPUTE OVER RIGHT TO PRINT BIBLE

FIRM ASKED TO DESTROY ITS COPIES.

HIGH COURT MAY DECIDE.

The Daily Express understands that the High Court may be called on to decide in the near future questions affecting the right to print and publish the Authorised Version of the Bible.

A dispute has arisen on this matter which is of personal moment to every person who purchases a new Bible.

The point at issue is whether such a Bible, if not produced by one of the three "approved" printers, in any way infringes their rights.

All manner of interests are involved, including those of the Crown, the owners of the copyright, and of various religious societies.

Three printers in England have the right to issue the Authorised Version of the Bible. They are the Cambridge University Press; the Oxford University Press—who hold the privilege under royal charter—and Eyre and Spottiswoode, Ltd., the King's printers, who have the right under letters patent.

Other firms have, however, printed and published an Authorised Bible.

Recently Eyre and Spottiswoode, Ltd., have objected to the Bible issued by John F. Shaw and Co., Ltd., of Pilgrim Street, London.

"Must Be Withdrawn."

Solicitors were instructed by the King's printers, and demanded that John Shaw and Co. should stop the Bible they published.

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They asked that all reasonable steps should be taken to call in copies of the Bible from circulation and to prevent any further sale; that all copies in the warehouse should be destroyed, and that the sheets and plates and the standing type should be broken up.

There was a further request for an undertaking that John Shaw and Co. should not do anything in the future to infringe the royal letters patent for the printing of the Authorised Version of the Bible by Eyre and Spottiswoode.

It was pointed out in the letter that if this proposal for the destruction of the Bible was acceded to, then Eyre and Spottiswoode would waive any claim for damages, but if the request was not complied with, then Eyre and Spottiswoode reserved all rights of future action.

The point had been mentioned in previous correspondence that this question of the copyright of the Bible and the royal letters patent of Eyre and Spottiswoode might be raised in the House of Commons on a question.

The solicitors to Eyre and Spottiswoode answered this point by saying that their clients would not be influenced in any way by this suggestion of House of Commons questions.

Eyre and Spottiswoode, said the solicitors in their letter, were not prepared to make any arrangements with John Shaw and Co. for the publication of an Authorised Version of the Bible on payment of a fee.

"We maintain that the Bible we publish is in no way an infringement of copyright," said the manager of John Shaw and Co.

"It is an illustrated Bible, mainly for Sunday school use, and our firm has been issuing it for fifteen years. Now we are faced with this ultimatum to stop printing."

This problem of the copyright of the Bible extends to several religious societies. The Religious Tract Society, who issue many thousands of Bibles, held a meeting of their committee to discuss the whole difficulty.

The British and Foreign Bible Society, the largest publishers of Bibles in the world, are not affected by any legal argument, for with their English version of the Bible they publish the printed sheets from one of the three "approved" printers.

Difficult Question.

A curious point arises with regard to Scotland, for in that country William Collins, Sons, and Co. have the Crown sanction to print the Authorised Bible. The Collins-printed Bible can be sold anywhere in England.

"The question of the copyright of the Bible is a difficult one," said the manager of the Bible department of one of the university presses. "The copyright is vested in the Crown, and it seems to us that only the Crown could properly take action for any infringement of the copyright."

If any alteration is made by printers in the Authorised version of the Bible—even if it is only a comparatively small alteration—then it is questionable whether the copyright has been infringed.

"Obviously the problem is one which only the High Court can properly settle."

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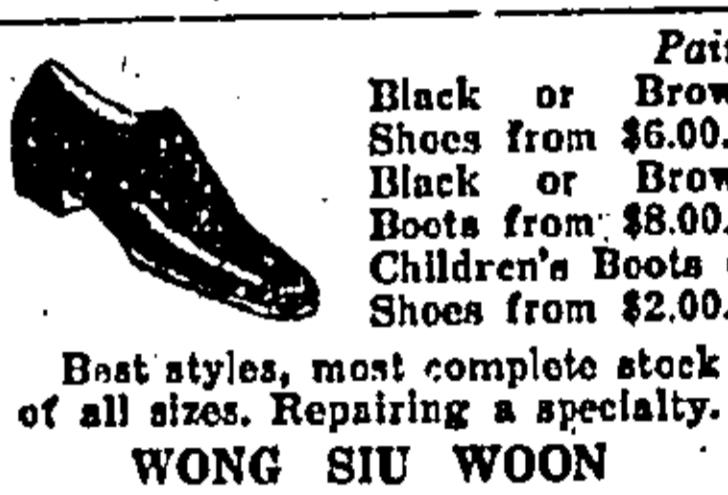
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MORE SCOPE.

The past dramatic year, while it has been devoid of any particularly epoch-making events, is notable as being the first one for a long time to give us any definite hints of the lines on which the theatre of the future is likely to develop. The age of confusion engendered in the first instance by the war seems at last to be passing away. Two years ago the British theatre looked like reverting to normal conditions, but the talking pictures then came along and threw it into a fresh spasm of pessimistic conjecture. But now that the "talkies" have become, not the dangerous rivals they were first believed to be, but wealthy and enterprising co-operators who are putting large sums of money into the pockets of actors and playwrights, it is possible to take stock of the present situation and from it deduce the prospects of the future.

Talking Pictures.

The first thing which strikes us in reviewing the theatrical activities of the past year, is their extraordinary scope and diversity. And it is this, we venture to think, which ensures the survival of the theatre. Talking pictures are expensive undertaking, and if they are to pay their way, must appeal to the largest possible public. This of course is a limitation which does not apply equally to the theatre, where the wants of the eclectic can be supplied expensively or, if need be, with the aid of a handful of actors and some curtains.

We find that the most successful ventures in the theatre have been those in which novelty and personality have played important parts. Of the successes of the previous year, "The First Mrs. Fraser," with its attractive combination of two distinctive and popular players, Miss Marie Tempest and Mr. Henry Ainley, and "Bitter Sweet," which struck a fresh note in musical plays, both continued their triumphant runs. Outstanding attractions among the newer plays have been "On the Spot," Mr. Edgar Wallace's daring and affrighting exposition of gang warfare in Chicago; "Cynara," which again gives us a popular acting partnership in that of Sir Gerald du Maurier and Miss Gladys Cooper; "The Man in Possession," Captain Harwood's sophisticated comedy at the Ambassadors; and Mr. Neil Grant's less shocking, though no less anxious "Peticoat Influence."

No Great Triumphs.

The old order of song-and-dance shows seems definitely to have faded away. Mr. Lee Ephraim's two offerings, "Heads Up" and "Rio Rita," which would have been successes a few years ago, both failed unmistakably. The new style of musical play has not yet been found, for this year we have had no triumphs in the same class with "Bitter Sweet." The biggest success has been scored by the Gaiety management, following up their past policy with the production of "The Love Race," "Silver Wings," "The Three Musketeers" and "Sons o' Guns" all succeeded only moderately, and even that measure was attained not because of their intrinsic merits, but because of the appearance in them of artists with a big drawing power. Perhaps Mr. Cochran has shown us the future evolution of the musical play with his lately produced "Evergreen," staged after the style of his famous revues.—The Era.

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ROUND THE CINEMAS

BEAUTIFUL LEGS OF HOLLYWOOD.

"THE GOLDEN CALF."

The most beautiful legs in Hollywood are on display in "The Golden Calf," Fox Movietone comedy with music, which is showing in the Queen's Theatre.

Sue Carol, whose lower limbs have been acclaimed as the most perfect of any girl in pictures, is featured with Jack Mulhall, and an all-star supporting cast which includes El Brendel, Marjorie White, Richard Keene, and Paul Page.

Miss Carol is not alone in her beauty display, as she is surrounded by 100 of Hollywood's most beautiful dancing girls in the musical numbers. Every one of the girls was especially chosen for beauty of face and figure as well as dancing ability, it is said.

Millard Webb, who scored such a great success with his productions of "Glorifying the American Girl," "Gentlemen of the Press," and "Painted Angel," again has turned out a production that will please all classes of theatre-goers. The music is tuneful, the story is plausible and crammed with action, and the dance numbers are distinctive and inst.

"TRUE TO THE NAVY."

Let's go Clara Bow! Those who snapped up the entertainment treat the "It" girl offered in the Central Theatre last night had an hilarious evening. Clara has more "It" than she ever showed before in "True to the Navy." Surrounded by a dozen or more love-smitten navy "gobs," she shows what is good for the male ego. None of the boys makes any headway with the "Redhead" until Fredric March, the same handsome hero who stole her heart in "The Wild Party," lands right. The Clara gets a taste of her own tickleness.

"True to the Navy" would be a good story even without Clara Bow. With Clara flashing her "It" smile, it's a dandy entertainment. Harry Green, the funny man of "Kibitzer" and "Honey," is a riot of laugh-making cracks and pantomime, and the rest of the cast looks as it ought to.

Clara, a soda-fountain girl in Harry Green's drug store, makes "It" a big business. All the sailors from the battleships in the harbour flock to the drug store for ice-cream sodas and a smile from Clara. She plays them all, collects the souvenirs, and says good bye with a smile. She has a special boy-friend on every ship and manages to keep them separated until the whole fleet, and all her specials, drop anchor at once. She is sunk. Then she meets Fredric March, a woman-killer gunner's mate, and marches to the altar with him over the prostrate forms of half a dozen other smitten sailors.

Clara's singing voice is one of the big features of "True to the Navy." She croons "There Is Only One Who Matters To Me" as nobody else could. It's no wonder all the sailors believe her when she says it. Clara looks marvelous as she sings the number. She sings with her voice, with her eyes, with all her personality. And Clara Bow's singing is all the more delightful because it is a surprise talent.

"KING OF JAZZ."

Long hailed as the outstanding masterpiece in jazz music, George Gershwin's immortal "Rhapsody in Blue" has been both pictorially and musically transferred to the screen.

The only jazz composition ever to attain symphonic rendition, "The Rhapsody in Blue," in all its moods and with all its symbolism, has been recorded in "King of Jazz" by Paul Whiteman as music, and atmospherically by John Murray Anderson, director.

In all its lavish musical numbers "King of Jazz," the Universal extravaganza which is the next change in the Central Theatre, combines a previously unapproached sound-track with the ultimate in beauty.

So identified has "The Rhapsody" become as a part of Paul Whiteman's musical existence that Anderson, the New York impresario especially signed by Universal to direct "King of Jazz," was faced with the necessity to visualise it pictorially.

Any one familiar with the music will appreciate the magnitude of Anderson's task, but he surmounted it in the usual pretentious way. A huge piano, forty feet long and seven feet high, was constructed to contain the entire Whiteman orchestra. Then a beautiful tree was built of crystal, and every instrument used in the band, moulded on a gigantic scale, was built into the set. This was all coloured in various shades of blue.

Then the celebrated Sisters "G," the dancing sensation of Europe, and the Hollywood Beauties, an organisation of the loveliest girls in filmland, selected by Anderson, were costumed with the Russell Markert dancers in Alice Blue. Because the production was photographed in Technicolour, several distinct shades of blue were desired for Anderson's contrasts, and so the Whiteman boys were dressed in Royal blue tuxedos.

NATIONALISM IN ART.

Mr. Rutland Boughton's Plan For Opera.

Mr. Rutland Boughton, the composer, spoke on "Opera" (with illustrations from his own works) at the Manchester Central High School for Girls, where there is a branch of the British Music Society of about 200 members, comprising some two-thirds of the Upper School. Opera, said Mr. Boughton, was the most expensive form of all the arts, and could be afforded only by the very few. The consequence was that we had no British opera, nothing to express our own point of view.

He was an internationalist, but he believed in nationalism in art from the very bottom of his heart. Nationalism in the arts was the expression of our own individual, local, parochial, county, national point of view. We reached the world by beginning with our own homes, going on to the greater life of our city, the greater life of the county, the greater life of the country, until we reached finally the life of the world. That was what we finally wished to understand, but we should never understand it unless we started at home, and we should never have an opera in Britain which belonged to the community until we had learned to make one for ourselves.

"I make this suggestion," said Mr. Boughton, "that you in this school make an opera for yourselves; that you don't depend upon composer, paid hacks, to make the thing for you, but that you yourselves make your own opera." They had in Miss Maude V. Stell (music director at the school), he added, one of the most enthusiastic and capable musicians in the country, and she could overlook the production. "You make your own tunes," he added. "Babies make their own tunes. People who cannot make their own tunes are not good in the world."

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Calling on two girls of the school to speak to vote of thanks, Miss Johnstone, the head mistress, said to the girls: "We will have two operas, and the teachers shall write one about you." (Laughter).

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People Cross Borders To See Famous Film.

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Meanwhile, special trains are being run from various cities in Western Germany to Strasbourg with people anxious to see the much contested film there. The same thing is happening in Austria where special trains have to be run from Vienna to Pressburg, Czechoslovakia, where the houses showing the film are crowded to capacity.

CHINA'S FIRST "TALKIE."

"The Singing Peony."

The first Chinese "talkie" picture in the native language is awaited with interest. The Singing Peony is not a title that would command itself as a thriller to the magnates of Hollywood or Elstree, and the "star," a comedy damsel called Butterfly Wu, is not an Anna May Wong. But neither fact will worry the Chinese producers nor the Chinese millions who have never heard of either. The Singing Peony provides a thrill after their own hearts, a play which, though it relates to the period of the Sung Dynasty (A.D. 950-1127), is yet sufficiently up-to-date to include a woman bandit leader and desperate encounters between rival hordes, with all of which the present-day Chinese is unhappy only too familiar. The only fly in the ointment as far as one can judge is the lingual one. The camera is already in action, and the actors, having had several months' teaching, are using the Mandarin dialect. But this is

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General Lo, regaining his freedom, has returned to Kwang-an secretly, rallying 4,000 of his old followers, and pushing towards Yoching. The troops under Li Chi-hsiang and Yang Sen are also moving towards Kwang-an and Shunching. An

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Admiral Kelly Due Here To-morrow.

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AMENDMENT HELD UP BY COURT.

JUDGE'S DECISION.

Washington, Yesterday. The United States Supreme Court to-day held up the Eighteenth (Prohibition) amendment. All America has been eagerly awaiting the Court's ruling since the decision given by Federal District Judge Clark, in Newark, New Jersey in December, declaring that the Eighteenth Amendment was invalid in view of the fact that it should have been ratified by a constitutional convention and not by State Legislatures. —Reuter's American Service.

WAGE REDUCTION.

APPLICATION TO POSTPONE AWARD.

Melbourne, Yesterday. The Arbitration Court has rejected Mr. Brennan's application to postpone the award of a ten per cent. reduction in the basic wage in Australia. —Reuter.

It was reported on February 5 that the Arbitration Court had dismissed the application of the Commonwealth Government for the suspension of the basic wage reduction, expressing the opinion that any project dealing with present conditions must comprise such reduction.

General Lo, regaining his freedom, has returned to Kwang-an secretly, rallying 4,000 of his old followers, and pushing towards Yoching. The troops under Li Chi-hsiang and Yang Sen are also moving towards Kwang-an and Shunching. An

BRITISH TRIUMPH OF NAVIGATION.

H.M.S. Nelson Passes Through Panama Canal.

"LIKE THREADING A NEEDLE."

Balboa, Yesterday. In the Panama Canal zone to-day a polyglot crowd of Americans, British, Chinese and others witnessed a triumph of navigation when the British battleship Nelson, with only four feet to spare, passed through the Canal locks and docked astern on the United States battleship Texas.

H.M.S. Nelson, which is on a five days' visit, weighs 40,000 tons, and is the largest ship that has ever negotiated the canal. Her beam is 106 feet while the Canal locks are only 110 feet wide.

Admiral Sir Michael Hodges, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, described her efforts throughout the Canal as "like a man's efforts to thread a needle." In spite of the masterly handling of the giant vessel the passage was not accomplished without damage and some of her boom brackets were broken in passing through Gatun Locks. Some of her steel side plates were also slightly bulged when she bumped the concrete sides of Pedro Miguel Locks. —Reuter.

SENTENCE ON LADY EDMEE OWEN.

Five Years' "Reclusion" for Attempted Murder.

CIVIC DEGRADATION.

Versailles, Yesterday. The Assizes here to-day sentenced to five years' "reclusion" Lady (Edmee) Owen, widow of Sir Charles Owen, for attempting to murder the wife of her lover. Dr. Gastaud.

Lady Owen is a French woman and was formally an actress. "Reclusion" entails civic degradation, and numerous legal disabilities and regulations, whilst a severe and strict silence is enforced. —Reuter.

AMUSEMENTS of the DAY

AT THE FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY
At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20.

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JACK MULHALL
EL BRENDEL
MARJORIE WHITE
RICHARD KEENE
PAUL PAGE

An Eye Filling, Tonic
Thrilling Comedy of
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and
Laughter

Presented by
WILLIAM FOX

The golden calf

SPECIALETTES
Tchaikowsky's
Overture
of 1812

FOX NEWSREEL
MOVIEONE
goes
whale-hunting

COMEDY
"KNIGHTS
OUT"
Clark & McCullough

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